

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held on May 21, 2020

An Open Meeting of the Public Utilities Commission was held on Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 9:30 A.M. in Hearing Room A, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island to discuss, deliberate, and/or vote on the following dockets

In attendance: Chairperson Margaret Curran and Todd Bianco. Remotely: Commissioner Marion Gold, Commissioner Abigail Anthony, Cynthia Wilson-Frias, Alan Nault and John Harrington and Luly Massaro.

- I. Chairperson Curran called the Open Meeting to order at 9:54 A.M. A quorum was present.
- II. **Docket No. 5012 – Kent County Water Authority** – After review, Chairperson Curran moved to approve Kent County Water’s May 13, 2020 petition to waive charging its customers fees associated with credit card and Automatic Clearing House (ACH) electronic check payments. Approval is subject to further review in the rate case. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- III. **Docket No. 4604 – RI Office of Energy Resources** – After review of the record, Commissioner Gold moved to approve the Office Energy Resources’ (OER) budget request to perform the program and ceiling prices development for the 2021 Renewable Energy Growth Program year as modified in the updated funding submitted on May 15, 2020. Also, given the uncertainty regarding the impact that COVID may on renewable energy growth projects in this program year, Commissioner Gold moved that the OER and the Distributed Generation Board provide a progress report on the uptake in carport projects after the 2nd open enrollment period. The motion was seconded by Chairperson Curran and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- IV. **Docket No. 4935 – The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid** – After review of the record, Chairperson Curran moved to approve National Grid’s proposed Standard Offer Service Rates for the period July 2020 through September 2020 for the Industrial Group. The proposed rates were submitted in compliance with the Standard Offer Service Procurement Plan approved by the PUC in this docket. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anthony and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- V. **Docket No. 4311 – Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Company)** – After review, Chairperson Curran moved to grant the Company's request to withdraw and decertify the Steuben Landfill Generator facility as renewable energy resource facility in Rhode Island. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

VI. The being no further business to address, Chairperson Curran adjourned the Open Meeting at 10:21 A.M. A video of the Open Meeting discussion can be accessed at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/WqQyXw296dg>